



WHEREAS, Neal and I have shared many memorable and enjoyable experiences, and I feel indeed proud and fortunate to have as a close personal friend a man of the calibre of Neal Harris, and am honored to be with him today upon the occasion of his retirement as Naval Commander; and,

WHEREAS, Neal and I were classmates from the sixth grade until high school graduation, so we had ample time to "terrorize the community of Arlington, South Dakota" together; and,

WHEREAS, August 9 and 10, 1975, marked the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Reunion of the Arlington High School Graduating Class of 1950; and,

WHEREAS, This class has earned the reputation for being extremely active, and the "wildest class" to have ever graduated from Arlington; and,

WHEREAS, Commander Neal Harris and I were members of this class and I am sure did our share to contribute to the renown which this class has been accorded not only locally, but Statewide, and perhaps nationally; and,

WHEREAS, Realizing that Neal's boxing ability was far superior to mine, we were nevertheless on the same high school team, and have many happy memories of trips we took together in connection with this activity; and,

WHEREAS, Neal and I also entered Military Service at the same time, Neal having joined the Navy, and I having joined the Air Force; and,

WHEREAS, The retirement of Commander Neal Harris is worthy of public recognition in his native State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the Governor make note of this momentous occasion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, August 29, 1975, as

COMMANDER NEAL HARRIS DAY

In the State of South Dakota, and do urge his many friends everywhere to join with him in celebration on this special day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 28th day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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LORNA B. HERSEITH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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